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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,6,8,10,11,13 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,6,8,10,11,13 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,3,5,6,8,10,11,13 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dillinger et al (US006519240B1) hereafter referred to as Dillinger in view of Alamouti et al (US005933421A) hereafter referred to as Alamouti, further in view of Jensen et al (US005648955A).

Regarding claim(s) 1, 6 and 11, Dillinger discloses a hybrid wireless time division multiple access/code division multiple access communications system whereby the communications means between base station and mobile stations is performed and managed by at least one RNM device for allocating radio resources (see col 3 lines 41-62 and Fig 1), the wireless system comprises of:

- providing a time slot sequence of the set of time slots (see abstract, col 2 lines 50-55 and Fig 2, the TDMA frame is split into plurality of "timeslots" of equal duration and thus sequential timeslots allocated to a base station or mobile station inturn form a "sequence of timeslots", furthermore one time slot of a TDMA frame on one modulated carrier is referred to as a physical channel.);

- ordering the new user service physical channels for each of the new user service physical channels (see col 2 lines 55-67, col 5 lines 35- col 6 lines 20, Figs 5

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and 6, claim 1, the ordering and/or channel allocation is carried out in the base station depending upon network resources and the signal to noise ratios as determined by the RNM device); and

- assigning the new user service physical channels to the set of time slots based on the ordering and the time slot sequence (see col 5 lines 35- col 6 lines 20, Figs 5 and 6, claim 1, the channel allocation and assignment is carried out in the base station based on signal to noise ratios for each of the timeslots, if an adequate signal-to-noise ratio is found within a timeslot sequence set than a timeslot or channel is allocated to the mobile station).

Dillinger fails to disclose channel or timeslot allocation based on reception quality of the user.

Alamouti discloses channel or timeslot allocation based on reception quality of the user (see col 22 lines 43-64 and Table 1.3).

Channel allocation using received signal strength indicator (RSSI), or reception quality minimizes interference for that channel and thus lowering overall network interference (signal to noise ratio) within a given frequency band.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Alamouti within Dillinger of channel allocation based on reception quality of the user which would improve the network performance by lowering overall network interference (signal to noise ratio) within a given frequency band.

Furthermore, Dillinger and Alamouti fail to disclose the quality of a time slot being determined by a figure of merit.

Jensen discloses the quality of a time slot being determined by a figure of merit (see Fig. 4, col 15 line 32 – col 16 line 18, the user station 102 measures the time slot signal quality from a given base station and nearby base stations to form a figure of merit).

Figure of merit provides for a threshold so as to maintain constant signal quality during handoff's from one base station to another, thus it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate a figure of merit measurements within Dillinger and Alamouti so that there is a threshold level for each timeslot so that the signal quality is constant as the user travels from one cell to another cell without degradation of signal quality.

Regarding claims 3, 8 and 13, Alamouti discloses desired reception quality in terms of signal to interference ratio (see col 22 lines 43-64 and Table 1.3).

Regarding claims 5, 10 and 15, Dillinger discloses a TDD hybrid wireless system, which is limited by the number of slots or physical channels per slot, and therefore the assignment of transport channels is limited as well.

Regarding claims 16, 17, and 18, Jensen discloses the quality of a time slot being determined by a figure of merit (see Fig. 4, col 15 line 32 – col 16 line 18), the figure of merit is determined by calculating the difference from the current base station signal level and those of surrounding base stations (see col 15 lines 55-65).

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,3,5,6,8,10,11,13,15-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

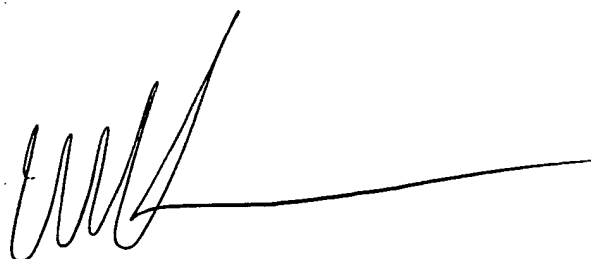
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

RJ
October 11, 2005

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**WELLINGTON CHIN
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**